

Claim Amendments

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (currently amended) A container for storing items, comprising:
 - a container bottom;
 - a side wall extending upward from said bottom and terminating in a rim defining the periphery of said container, said side wall tapering from top to bottom such that the container can nest within one or more other containers;
 - a lid covering said container;
 - a surface discontinuity disposed on said side wall intermediate said rim and said container bottom; and
 - a layer of shrinkwrap, wherein said layer of shrinkwrap is formed to and clings to at least a portion of said tapered side wall, wherein said layer of shrinkwrap is formed to and covers said surface discontinuity and conforms to the shape thereof, and wherein said surface discontinuity helps hold said layer of shrinkwrap in position against said portion of said tapered side wall.
2. (previously presented) The container of claim 1, wherein said layer of shrinkwrap is formed to at least a portion of said lid.
3. (original) The container of claim 2, wherein said shrinkwrap layer further comprises a tear originating at a top portion thereof and extending downward along said side wall, said shrinkwrap layer being substantially separated from said lid and rim yet substantially clinging to said side wall, whereby said lid can be opened or removed yet said shrinkwrap layer clings to said side wall.
4. (previously presented) The container of claim 1, further comprising an adhesive-free label disposed between said shrinkwrap layer and said container side wall, said shrinkwrap layer holding said label in place.
5. (previously presented) The container of claim 1, further comprising a label adhesively affixed to the outside of said shrinkwrap layer about said side wall.

6. (original) The container of claim 2, wherein said shrinkwrap layer comprises an integral piece of shrink wrap.

7. (original) The container of claim 2, wherein said shrinkwrap layer covers the outer periphery of said lid.

8. (original) The container of claim 1, wherein said surface discontinuity comprises an indentation.

9. (original) The container of claim 8, wherein said indentation comprises a ridge extending continuously around said container side wall.

10. (original) The container of claim 1, wherein said surface discontinuity comprises a plurality of indentations disposed on said side wall.

11. (withdrawn) The container of claim 1, wherein said surface discontinuity comprises a protuberance disposed on said side wall.

12. (withdrawn) The container of claim 1, wherein said surface discontinuity comprises a plurality of protuberances disposed on said side wall.

13-16. (canceled)